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SUBJECT: ANGLO-GERMAN QUESTIONS FOR MBFR NUCLEAR TRILATERAL

1. FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF QUESTIONS ON THE NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF MBFR THAT HAS BEEN AGREED BETWEEN THE UK AND FRG AS THE BASIS FOR THE FORTHCOMING NUCLEAR TRILATERAL MEETING, AS TRANSMITTED TO ACDA DECEMBER 17 BY BRITISH EMBASSY. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS AGREED AT PRESENT, ALTHOUGH THE UK MAY WISH TO ADD OTHERS. IF SO, THEY WOULD BE TRANSMITTED BEFORE ANY SCHEDULED TRILATERAL MEETING.

2. BOTH THE UK AND FRG WOULD PREFER A MEETING IN THE SECOND HALF OF JANUARY, BUT BELIEVE THE USG SHOULD NOW PROPOSE EXACT DATES. BEGIN TEXT.

ANGLO-GERMAN QUESTIONS ON THE NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF MBFR

1. WHAT IS THE BASIS ON WHICH THE NUMBERS AND COMPONENTS IN OPTION 3 OF THE US PAPER OF 30 APRIL WERE CALCULATED?

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2. DO THOSE NUMBERS AND COMPONENTS NOW RELATE TO THE WHOLE ALLIED FRAMEWORK OR TO PHASE 1 THEREOF ONLY?

3. WHAT ARE THE UPPER QUANTITATIVE LIMITS OF THE CONCESSIONS WE CAN MAKE WHILE PRESERVING OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS AND THE DETERRENT VALUE OF THE ALLIES' TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN CENTRAL EUROPE?

4. SO FAR THE ALLIES HAVE DETERMINED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO REDUCTIONS IN AIRCRAFT. HOW COULD WE MAINTAIN THIS GENERAL POSITION WHILE OFFERING TO WITHDRAW SOME DUAL CAPABLE AIRCRAFT AS PART OF OUR NUCLEAR PROPOSALS?

5. HOW WOULD WE INTRODUCE THE NUCLEAR ELEMENT INCLUDING DUAL CAPABLE AIRCRAFT INTO THE NEGOTIATIONS HAVING REGARD ALSO TO THE SOVIET PROPOSALS?

6. WHAT WOULD WE REQUIRE FROM THE RUSSIANS BY WAY OF QUID PRO QUO?

7. HOW WOULD WE HANDLE THE PROBLEM OF QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS?

8. WOULD WE PROPOSE SPECIAL VERIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS TO COVER THE NUCLEAR ELEMENTS OF ANY AGREEMENTS?

9. WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE INTRODUCTION OF A NUCLEAR ELEMENT IN MBFR FOR DISCUSSION OF NON-CENTRAL SYSTEMS IN SALT AND VICE VERSA?

10. HOW SHOULD THE NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF MBFR BE DISCUSSED IN THE ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE? END TEXT. RUSH

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